

CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEMSMAC)

Connecticut Hospital Association

Thursday, January 9, 2014

Minutes

Member Attendees: Richard Kamin, M.D., Kyle McClaine, M.D., William Begg, M.D., David Cone, M.D.

OEMS Staff: David Bailey, Yolanda Williams

Guests: Kevin Burns, Peter Canning, Ryan Carter, Marielle Daniels, Douglas Gallo, Robert Grant, M.D., Philip Heavin, Alan Henschke, Joe Larcheveque, Ian Medoro, M.D., Fred Potter, John Quinlavin, Brooks Walsh

Chaired By: Richard Kamin, M.D., and Kyle McClaine, M.D.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting	Called to order @ 10:02 am	Dr. Kamin opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.	
Minutes	Reviewed the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting.	No discussion held.	Dr. Cone motioned to approve the minutes as written, Douglas Gallo second the motion. Motion passed.
DPH Report: By David Bailey	Update	The updated equipment list has been forwarded to the DPH Commissioner. The issues with the child restraint devices are	

		being resolved.	<p>Question from discussion: Are the drop down Pedi Mate seats ok for use?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, at this time they are in compliance when transporting a pediatric patient.</p> <p>Reminder that children under 6 years of age or 60 pounds who are not patients must be transported in a child restraint system that meets federal regulatory standards. Systems meeting these standards should be labeled as such.</p>
Cardiocerebral Resuscitation (CCR)	Continued discussion	<p>Peter Canning spoke to this in Dr. Wolf's absence. The intent is to have a CEMSMAC approved document related to cardiac arrest care.</p> <p>The proposed document was reviewed and discussed.</p>	<p>Motion made by Dr. McClaine to have CEMSMAC endorse the use of CCR for all adult patients in cardiac arrest. The motion was second by Mr. Gallo.</p> <p>Vote: Yes – 3 Dr. McClaine Dr. Kamin Dr. Cone DR. BEGG No – 0 Abst. – 0</p>

Selective Spine Immobilization Project	Update	Mr. Henschke reported that the final version does not include detailed reference material. This has been forwarded to the State Training Committee. The draft will be finalized and forwarded to the DPH Commissioner.	The estimated implementation target date of January 2014.
Statewide Guidelines	Update	Dr. Kamin reported that the group is moving forward. The medical guidelines are being reviewed.	Next meeting will be the hour before the CEMSMAC in February.
Regional Involvement	Progress Report	<p>Dr. Kamin asks that the Regions submit minutes from regional MAC meetings and other info as deemed appropriate.</p> <p><u>Region V</u> - William Begg reported that his region meets quarterly, Chaired by Dr. Peter Jacoby. Items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selective Spinal Immobilization - local changes were made • Region Protocol – rollout date of February 1st <p>➤ Local institutions have identified 14 out of 32 requests for Life Star that were accepted</p> <p>➤ AEMTs are somewhat in limbo –</p>	

		<p>looking to phase out</p> <p><u>Questions</u></p> <p>Dr. Gallo wanted to know the status of AEMTs?</p> <p>Dr. Begg reported that they are being planned to be phased out. Those without level will need additional training or go back to the basic level. The phase out will allow time to get additional training if desired. It is not clear on approval at this time, still in the process.</p> <p>Dr. Kamin inquired about intention to use BLS CPAP in Region V?</p> <p>Dr. Begg states that this is still being considered – no decision has been made.</p> <p><u>Region IV</u> – Dr. McClaine reported that BLS CPAP is deferred do to evaluation of paramedic coverage in the region.</p> <p>There is continued interest in BLS use of advance airway – one sponsor hospital in region is looking to pilot. No word re start time.</p> <p><u>Region III North Central</u> – Peter Canning spoke on Paramedics course in STEMI Care that is available online. Information is available on</p>	
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		CT Train. This program will track individuals' education/training.	
BLS EKG Pilot Program	Update	<p>Since June 4, 2013 to date there were 21 cases where BLS EKG were acquired and 2 cases were documented that resulted in by-pass for STEMI.</p> <p>Dr. Begg reported that with the program they are not receiving as many patients with chest pain due to more appropriate destination determination from the field.</p> <p><u>Questions</u></p> <p>How long do we consider this a pilot program and keep going or discuss the process?</p> <p>Would this remain a pilot until 50 EKGs are acquired or ended before?</p>	<p>If there is anyone interested in doing a 2nd pilot, please contact Dr. McClaine.</p> <p>Pilot program will be reviewed at the March 2014 meeting to determine how to proceed.</p>
Other Business	Open	<p>Dr. McClaine talked about last year's NHTSA report, that sections were going to be divided among various groups. The EMS Advisory Board has tasked CEMSMAC with Medical Direction and Data Analysis and Collection.</p> <p>The recommendations were discussed at the meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Kamin brought up potential for retreat/EMS medical direction course in CT</p> <p>Thoughts/comments? None.</p>	Information will be forwarded for discussion at the next meeting.

Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.	The next CEMSMAC meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2014 at CHA, Wallingford, CT	

Respectfully submitted by,
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